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FCC, Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

December 6, 2004

Re: CC Docket No.: 02-6  
Applicant Name: Norfolk County Agricultural High School  
Billed Entity Number: 1570  
Form 471 Application Number: 390006  
Funding Request Number: 1069081

This letter is filed as an appeal to the Administrator's Decision on Appeal dated, October 11, 2004. (copy attached) The basis for denial in funding was that the District Technology Plan was approved only until December 31, 2004 and the request for funding was through a period ending June 30, 2005.

Please find enclosed a letter from Commissioner David P. Driscoll, Massachusetts Commissioner of Education that gives the approval of the District Technology Plan through June 30, 2006. We have been working with the Massachusetts Department of Education to resolve this matter as quickly as possible. As the reason for denial no longer exists, I ask that the funding for Funding Request Number: 1069081 be restored. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I await your decision.

Sincerely yours,

Michael E. McFarland  
Business Manager  
Norfolk County Agricultural High School  
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Cc: Angela L. Avery, Ed.D., Superintendent/Director  
Evelynne Edgerly, Director of Technology

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal**  
**Funding Year 2004-2005**

October 11, 2004

Michael E. McFarland  
Norfolk County Agricultural High School  
400 Main Street  
Walpole, MA 02081

Re:	Applicant Name:	Norfolk County Agricultural High School
	Billed Entity Number:	1570
	Form 471 Application Number:	390006
	Funding Request Number(s):	1069081
	Your Correspondence Dated:	June 9, 2004

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year 2004 Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

**Funding Request Number:** 1069081  
**Decision on Appeal:** **Denied in full**  
**Explanation:**

- On appeal you are seeking reversal of SLD's decision to change the contract expiration date for this request to December 31, 2004. Your letter states that this is bundled Internet Access service from Merrimack Education Center that has been fully funded for the last three years. You have provided a copy of the tech plan to SLD upon request and have included a copy of the approval letter with your appeal.
- After a thorough review of the appeal and all relevant documentation it was determined that SLD correctly changed the contract end date of this request to agree with the expiration date of the provided approved technology plan. The approval letter indicates that the plan is approved through December of 2004. Consequently, the appeal is denied.

- FCC rules require that Form 471 applications for discounts must be supported by an approved technology plan. Your Form 471 requested funding for products and/or services other than basic local and long distance telephone service. FCC rules require applicants to certify that the entities receiving products and/or services other than basic telephone service are covered by an individual and/or higher-level technology plan that supports their funding request. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(b)(2)(vii); Schools and Libraries Universal Service, Services Ordered and Certification Form, OMB 3060-0806 Block 6, item 26, 27 (*FCC Form 471*). Funding Year 2004, the period for which you requested funding in your Form 471, runs from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. The technology plan that you submitted is approved through December of 2004, which does not coincide with the products and services for which you are seeking support on your Form 471 application. On your Form 471, you certified that the recipients of products and/or service were covered by an individual and/or higher-level technology plan and that the technology plan had been approved or was in the process of being approved. Since you failed to provide a copy of a technology plan that supports your Form 471 funding request, SLD correctly reduced funding to correspond with the expiration of your technology plan.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

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David P. Driscoll  
Commissioner of Education

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Angela Avery, Superintendent

FROM: David P. Driscoll, Commissioner of Education

SUBJECT: Approval of Norfolk County Agricultural HS Technology Plan Implementation Data

DATE: December 2004

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D. Driscoll", written over the "FROM" line of the memorandum.

Thank you for submitting the electronic data forms describing the implementation of your long-range local technology plan. I am pleased to inform you that based on your progress the Norfolk County Agricultural High School Technology Plan is approved through June 30, 2006.

I appreciate your district's commitment to using technology to improve teaching, learning, and administration. The information you provided shows you have made progress toward the recommended "Local Technology Plan Guidelines" ([http://www.doe.mass.edu/edtech/tplanguide04\\_07.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/edtech/tplanguide04_07.html)). We will continue to work with you in the implementation of your technology plan so that you will remain eligible for E-rate discounts and state and federal technology grants.

If you have questions about your technology plan, Baiba Ozols, Instructional Technology Specialist, will be pleased to assist you. You can contact her at [bozols@doe.mass.edu](mailto:bozols@doe.mass.edu).

Copy: Evelynne Edgerly, Technology Director